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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SEPT 16 CINCINNATI SPEECH--MIDDLE EAST

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1. ACTING POLCOUNSELOR DELIVERED ON SEPT 19 COPIES OF THE SECRETARY'S SEPT 16 CINCINNATI SPEECH TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JO ZT SECRETARY S.K. BHUTANI, WEST AFRICA/NORTH AFRICA DIVISION. PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, COUNSELOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO MAINTAINING THE MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND MADE OTHER POINTS AS DIRECTED REFTEL. BHUTANI EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CALL AND OBSERVED THAT HE WAS IN THE THROES OF PREPARING FINAL PAPERS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN'S DEPARTURE THAT EVENING.

2. THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS AN AUTHORITATIVE REPLY TO QUESTIONS BHUTANI HAD POSED SEPT 9 DURING AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH THE COUNSELOR (NEW DELHI 12317). BHUTANI GAVE NO IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THE SPEECH, OTHER THAN TO SAY HE ASSUMED THIS MEANT THE USG "WOULD PROCEED ON ITS MIDDLE EAST PEACE-MAKING COURSE WITH DELIBERATE SPEED."
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